

DETAILED ACTION

1. According to paper filed on May 15, 2008, the applicants have canceled claim 15; amended claims 1, 6, 10-13 and 16-21 and furthermore, have added new claims 22-27.
2. Claims 1-13 and 16-27 are now pending in the application.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. The following amendment is pursuant to a telephone conversation with the applicant's attorney, Mr. John T. Kendall on June 26, 2008. The following changes have been made in claims and specification:

Cancel claims 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26 and 27 without prejudice.

Add the enclosed abstract on a separate page which is copied from the corresponding WO 2005/061499 publication.

4. Claims 1-13, 16, 19, 22 and 25, renumbered as claims 1-17, are allowed since the applicants have amended claims to overcome indefiniteness and some enablement rejections and furthermore, due to their persuasive arguments regarding antagonist activity of instant compounds at CCR1 receptors and publication by Godessart (Ann. N.Y. Acad. Sci., cited on applicant's form 1449) showing efficacy of CCR1 antagonists for treating rheumatoid arthritis and multiple sclerosis (see table 2 on page 653).
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charanjit S. Aulakh whose telephone number is

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(571)272-0678. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Janet Andres can be reached on (571)272-0867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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